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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION OF SALT

1. AT HIS INVITATION WE MET JUNE 23 WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER KORNIYENKO AND HIS ASSISTANT KOMPLEKTOV FOR TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION ON WHERE WE STAND ON SALT. FOLLOWING ARE HIGH POINTS OF CONVERSATION:

(1) WE RAISED QUESTION OF REFERRING ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO GENEVA SALT DELS. KORNIYENKO SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY DOBRYNIN'S REPORT ON OUR TALKS WITH HIM CONCERNING WORK ASSIGNMENTS TO THE DELS. ACCORDING TO DOBRYNIN WE HAD SUGGESTED THAT DELS NOW WORK OUT LANGUAGE ON: (1) JOINT STATEMENT ON PRINCIPLES TO GUIDE SALT III, (2) BAN ON MOBILE MISSILES, (3) REDUCTION IN LAUNCHER AND MIRV TOTALS, (4) DURATION OF PROTOCOL. WE TOLD KORNIYENKO THAT AT GENEVA WE HAD AGREED THAT PROTOCOL WOULD BE OF THREE-YEAR DURATION AND THAT THE FOURTH ITEM TO BE REFERRED TO GENEVA SALT DELS WAS THE BAN ON NEW TYPES OF ICBMS AND NOT DURATION OF PROTOCOL.

(2) KORNIYENKO TOOK VERY HARD LINE ON FREEZE ON HEAVY ICBMS WITH MIRVS, CONTENDING THAT THIS QUESTION RESOLVED AT VLADIVOSTOCK AND SOVS NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARED TO INCLUDE ITEM IN ANY NEW AGREE-MENT. WE MAINTAINED THAT MATCHING RESTRAINT NEEDED FOR ANY RESTRIC-
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TION ON OUR DEPLOYMENT OF GLCMS AND SLCMS AND THAT FREEZE ON MIRVED ICBMS WOULD HOLD OPEN OPPORTUNITY FOR EFFECTIVE ARMS CONTROL.

(3) KORNIYENKO'S REMARKS ON BACKFIRE ASSURANCES MUCH MORE NEGATIVE THAN GROMYKO'S STAND AT GENEVA, AND HE SEEMED TO LEAVE IMPRESSION THAT SOVS NOT PREPARED TO GO BEYOND BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT ON BACKFIRES' RANGE WHICH HE SAID CLEARLY EXCLUDED ITS STRATEGIC

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CAPABILITY.

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR FROM ABOVE THAT DOBRYNIN'S REPORTING OF OUR TALKS IN WASHINGTON IS NOT FULLY ACCURATE. SECONDLY, KORNIYENKO'S REMARKS LEAVE US WITH CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT DOBRYNIN'S PRESENTATIONS HAVE PUT GLOSS ON SOVIET POSITION WHICH IS NOT WARRANTED BY SITUATION HERE. IN SUM, CONVERSATION POINTS STRONGLY TO NEED FOR DOUBLE TRACKING EVERYTHING WE SAY ON SALT BY EMBASSY MOSCOW IF IN FACT WE ARE TO AVOID SERIOUS MISUNDERSTANDINGS.
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